

## Universities and Colleges

### UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

I. V. Poinunin, B.M., of Queen's College has been elected to the Schorstein Research Fellowship in Medical Science for one year from October 1.

### UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

At a graduation ceremony on June 19 the honorary degree of LL.D. was conferred on Archibald Wilson Harington, M.D., formerly Muirhead Professor of Medicine in the University, and on Sir Edward Melanby, K.C.B., M.D., F.R.S., Secretary of the Medical Research Council.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

The Prime Minister, who is a Hunterian Trustee, dined with the members of the Council, at the College, on June 5. He saw the damage which had been caused to the buildings by enemy action, and inspected the plans for rebuilding. Others present were:

The Earl of Athlone (Hunterian Trustee), Sir Alfred Webb-Johnson, Bt. (President), Sir William Collins (Hunterian Trustee), Sir Hugh Lett, Bt., Sir Max Page (Vice President), Sir Heneage Ogilvie (Vice President), Mr. A. F. Burgess, Mr. Victor Bonney, Sir James Walton, Mr. H. S. Souttar, Mr. Cecil P. G. Wakeley, Mr. L. E. C. Norbury, Mr. V. Zachary Cope, Prof. Hugh Cairns, Mr. P. H. Mitchiner, Mr. A. Tudor Edwards, Surg. Capt. Lambert Rogers, Mr. Geoffrey Keynes, Mr. R. J. McNeill Love, Dr. H. Guy Dain, Mr. G. F. Stebbing, Mr. V. E. Negus, Dr. A. D. Marston, Mr. George Black, Prof. F. Wood-Jones, Prof. R. A. Willis, Prof. A. J. E. Cave, and Mr. W. F. Davis (assistant secretary).

### ENGLISH CONJOINT BOARD

#### Diploma in Industrial Health

The Examining Board in England set up by the Royal College of Physicians of London and the Royal College of Surgeons has issued regulations for obtaining the Diploma in Industrial Health (D.I.H., R.C.P.Lond.&R.C.S.Eng.). It may be granted to those who possess a qualification registrable in the *British Medical Register* and to graduates in medicine and surgery of those universities and medical colleges recognized by the Examining Board in England for the purpose, who comply with the regulations. Candidates for the diploma are required to follow the curriculum of study, to pass the examinations, and to pay the prescribed fees, but exemption from Part I may be granted to candidates who hold a recognized Certificate in Public Health. Copies of the regulations may be had from the secretary, Examination Hall, 8-11 Queen Square, London, W.C.1.

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL NOTES

### Discussion of Table

In *England and Wales* infectious diseases were less prevalent. There were decreases in whooping-cough 310, scarlet fever 83, acute pneumonia 50, measles 35.

The decline in whooping-cough was fairly widespread, and the chief falls were Lancashire 56, Warwickshire 36, Carmarthenshire 36, Surrey 34, London 31, Essex 29. The only change of any size in the local returns of diphtheria was a fall of 27 in London. A small decrease in scarlet fever was fairly general, and the only large fall was Middlesex 33. Considerable variations occurred in the trend of measles; the largest rises were London 106, Yorkshire West Riding 89, Surrey 52, and notable decreases were Middlesex 82, Lancashire 78, Durham 46, Warwickshire 45.

Notifications of dysentery declined by 14. The largest returns were Lancashire 40, London 17, Warwickshire 12, Dorsetshire 11.

In *Scotland* the only rise recorded was measles 12; the falls included acute primary pneumonia 67, scarlet fever 12, whooping-cough 11, dysentery 10. The decline in dysentery was due to the experience of the western area, where there were only 7 cases, compared to 24 in the preceding week.

In *Eire* also a general fall in prevalence was recorded; the only rise was whooping-cough 15. Only 27 cases of diphtheria were notified, spread over 16 registration areas.

In *Northern Ireland* an increase was reported for whooping-cough 28, diphtheria 7, measles 7, while scarlet fever declined by 6. All the cases of whooping-cough were notified in Belfast C.B.

### Week Ending June 15.

The notifications of infectious diseases in England and Wales during the week included: scarlet fever 866, whooping-cough 1,625, diphtheria 262, measles 4,415, acute pneumonia 505, cerebrospinal fever 44, dysentery 146, poliomyelitis 12, smallpox 2, paratyphoid 4, typhoid 7.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND VITAL STATISTICS

We print below a summary of Infectious Diseases and Vital Statistics in the British Isles during the week ended June 8.

Figures of Principal Notifiable Diseases for the week and those for the corresponding week last year, for: (a) England and Wales (London included). (b) London (administrative county). (c) Scotland. (d) Eire. (e) Northern Ireland.

Figures of Births and Deaths, and of Deaths recorded under each infectious disease, are for: (a) The 126 great towns in England and Wales (including London). (b) London (administrative county). (c) The 16 principal towns in Scotland. (d) The 13 principal towns in Eire. (e) The 10 principal towns in Northern Ireland.

A dash — denotes no cases; a blank space denotes disease not notifiable or no return available.

Disease	1946					1945 (Corresponding Week)				
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Cerebrospinal fever ..	47	2	21	1	—	52	2	23	1	1
Deaths .. ..	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria .. ..	304	16	85	27	15	423	23	103	78	10
Deaths .. ..	5	2	1	1	—	8	—	1	2	1
Dysentery .. ..	149	17	36	—	—	426	48	119	1	—
Deaths .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis lethargica, acute .. ..	2	—	2	1	—	5	—	—	—	—
Deaths .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
Erysipelas .. ..	—	—	29	9	2	—	—	47	4	1
Deaths .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years .. ..	—	—	—	27	—	—	—	—	28	—
Deaths .. ..	49	1	8	7	2	45	5	5	9	3
Measles* .. ..	3,896	1073	652	48	12	8,463	472	325	40	14
Deaths .. ..	2	—	1	—	—	4	—	2	1	1
Ophthalmia neonatorum .. ..	60	5	8	1	—	62	7	14	—	—
Deaths .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid fever .. ..	2	1	—	2(B)	—	4	—	7(B)	—	—
Deaths .. ..	—	—	—	1(B)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia, influenzal .. ..	546	28	11	10	5	427	23	4	12	3
Deaths (from influenza)† .. ..	3	1	1	2	—	15	1	—	—	—
Pneumonia, primary .. ..	—	—	161	35	—	—	—	169	20	—
Deaths .. ..	—	28	8	7	—	—	20	7	6	—
Polio-encephalitis, acute .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
Deaths .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis, acute .. ..	9	—	1	3	—	6	—	1	—	—
Deaths .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal fever .. ..	—	2	32	—	—	—	1	12	—	1
Deaths .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal pyrexia‡ .. ..	134	13	17	—	—	128	7	11	1	1
Deaths .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Relapsing fever .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet fever .. ..	987	84	164	23	24	1,409	45	210	21	34
Deaths .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Smallpox .. ..	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhoid fever .. ..	4	—	3	8	1	6	2	—	3	3
Deaths .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhus fever .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—
Deaths .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping-cough* .. ..	1,749	162	81	45	44	1,033	53	88	28	20
Deaths .. ..	9	—	—	2	—	2	—	1	—	—
Deaths (0-1 year) .. ..	322	41	48	30	17	283	35	50	28	23
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births) .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths (excluding stillbirths) .. ..	4,116	570	534	178	126	4,060	585	578	219	112
Annual death rate (per 1,000 persons living) .. ..	—	—	11.8	11.4	—	—	—	13.1	14.1	—
Live births .. ..	7,994	1155	980	449	257	6,729	779	876	460	268
Annual rate per 1,000 persons living .. ..	—	—	19.7	28.8	—	—	—	17.5	29.7	—
Stillbirths .. ..	236	26	38	—	—	209	21	25	—	—
Rate per 1,000 total births (including stillborn) .. ..	—	—	37	—	—	—	—	28	—	—

\* Measles and whooping-cough are not notifiable in Scotland, and the returns are therefore an approximation only.

† Includes primary form for England and Wales, London (administrative county), and Northern Ireland.

‡ Includes puerperal fever for England and Wales and Eire.